

## INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

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PCT/IB2004/052463

## A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

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## C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category *	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
X	EP 0 802 527 A (MATSUSHITA ELECTRIC INDUSTRIAL CO., LTD) 22 October 1997 (1997-10-22) column 1, lines 38-53 column 3, line 10 - column 5, line 15 figures 1-5	1-6, 11, 19, 22, 24-26
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A	<p>SCHOUHAMER IMMINK K A: "EFMPLUS: THE CODING FORMAT OF THE MULTIMEDIA COMPACT DISC" IEEE TRANSACTIONS ON CONSUMER ELECTRONICS, vol. 41, no. 3, 1 August 1995 (1995-08-01), pages 491-497, XP000539497 ISSN: 0098-3063 abstract page 494, column 2, lines 33-36 figures 1,4</p> <p style="text-align: center;">.                -----</p>	<p>1,4,6, 19,22</p>

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This International Searching Authority found multiple (groups of) inventions in this international application, as follows:

1. claims: 1-8, 11, 19, 22, 24-26

apparatuses (claims 1-8) and method (claim 19) for generating data which, when being reproduced from the burst cutting area (BCA) of an optical disk, exhibits a frequency spectrum that minimally interferes with the low frequency component of markings also recorded in said burst cutting area; apparatus for manufacturing such disk (claim 22); apparatuses (claims 24, 25) and method (claim 26) for reading such disk.

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2. claims: 9, 12-18, 20

apparatuses (claims 9, 12-18) that use random data for generating data to be provided to the BCA of an optical disk; corresponding optical disk (claim 20).

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3. claim: 10

apparatus for generating data to be provided to the BCA of an optical disk, said apparatus using a 17 PP channel encoder.

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4. claim: 21

optical disk wherein data in the BCA is divided into frames that have the same frame structure as user data outside the BCA.

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5. claim: 23

apparatus for manufacturing an optical disk which has grooves in its BCA.

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